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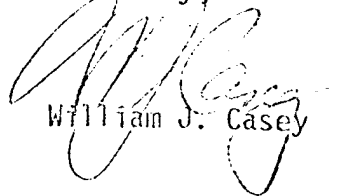
Dear Senator Levin,

I enclose copy of a letter which appeared in The Washington Post on Monday. It partially sets in proper perspective the highly slanted and inaccurate Washington Post story of Thursday, 2 June, which attracted your attention.

I enclose also a letter which I wrote to Senator Goldwater a year ago when he suggested I establish a blind trust. I would have no hesitation in establishing a blind trust if it were required by law but don't want to be singled out among all those who have access to intelligence and other special information as requiring a blind trust to properly discharge my responsibilities.

Media accounts have also created a false impression of the nature of the screening arrangement which is in force here and which has been approved by the Office of Government Ethics. You will find such arrangements in operation throughout the government. They are necessary to avoid an official unknowingly making a decision which could significantly affect a company in which he might have an investment or which he might have represented or otherwise been associated with in the past. On one occasion an important decision had to be taken here affecting a company in which I had held stock for many years. I had the alternative of delegating the decision to somebody else or disposing of my stock in that company. Because it was an important decision I decided to dispose of the stock so that I could participate in the decision. You will find that this is routine in Federal departments for a large number of Cabinet officers and Presidential appointees.

Sincerely,


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Attachments:
As stated